

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed and as amended by the Amendment filed June 24, 2002, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing multicolor printing using printing plates provided digitally with images and/or print including:
 - providing a printing forme cylinder adapted for receiving printing plates;
 - removing printing plates used in a previous printing task from ~~for~~ said printing forme cylinder;
 - providing a printing plate neutralizing device useable to remove images and print from used printing plates;
 - locating said printing plate neutralizing device separate from said printing forme cylinder;
 - conducting said used printing plates from said printing forme cylinder to said printing plate neutralizing device;
 - neutralizing said used printing plates in said printing plate neutralizing device by removing used images and print from said used printing plates;
 - applying a coating to said neutralized printing plates;
 - providing a printing plate exposure and development unit;
 - securing said neutralized and coated printing plates in proper registration in said exposure and development unit;

providing new images and print to said neutralized and coated printing plates in said exposure and development unit and developing said new images; [and]
returning said neutralized and coated printing plates provided with said new images and print to said printing forme cylinder; and
re-applying said neutralized and coated printing plates with said new images and print to said printing forme cylinder.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including providing a registration system for the printing plate and using said printing plate registration system for securing said printing plates in proper registration in said exposure and development unit.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including providing an automatic plate changing device and using said automatic plate changing device for removing printing plates from said printing forme cylinder and for re-applying printing plates to said printing forme cylinder.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including neutralizing said used printing plates using a laser neutralization technique.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further including providing an exposure and development unit registration system, and securing said printing plates in proper registration in said exposure and development unit using said exposure and development unit registration system and said printing plate registration system.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)